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Dear Parents:

One of the main objectives of school districts is to provide a safe environment that is conducive to learning for all students. Certainly, with the many societal factors that influence student behavior, we know that school personnel must engage the community in its efforts to generate awareness and create a culture of prevention.

With the recent incidents of violence in schools throughout the country, many of you have inquired about what our local schools are doing to prevent such events from taking place. As local officials and parents, we understand your concerns and have provided a forum for discussion about the many creative measures being implemented in our schools.

Join us for a county-wide information session on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, 6:00 - 8:00, Middletown High School South Auditorium. This meeting will allow us an opportunity to hear your concerns and recommendations and exchange ideas about best practices. The audience of educators, community members, parents, and local officials will provide us an opportunity to engage in a rich discussion about what is currently in place and possible resources for improvement.

We look forward to this meeting - the first in a series of such information and training sessions to be provided for the benefit of our Monmouth County residents. If you have any questions, please call 732-431-7816 (Maryann); 732-787-1170 (Zina).

Sincerely,

Amy Handlin,
Assemblywoman, District 13

Luis A. Valentin,
Prosecutor

Eugenia E. Lawson
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